

Term ____

Weeks: ____

The world of Ants

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Language:

What do you know about ants?
 Where have you seen ants?
 What is special about ants?
 Do ants work together to live?
 What types of ants are there and what are their different jobs?
 What eats ants?

Vocabulary:

Ant
 Nest
 Larva
 Egg
 Pupa
 Cocoon
 Queen
 Head
 Thorax
 Abdomen

Week: ____

Activities:

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- Look at the cover. Discuss what the book may be about.
- Read text. Ask questions.
- Write about ants and something you have learnt about them. Illustrate.

- Read book.
- Stencil - word sequencing

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- Read book
- Draw a picture of an ant and label the body parts.

- Read book
- Make a model or sculpture of an ant.

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- Read book.
- Watch the movie Antz.
- Write an adventure story about ants.

- Read book.
- Write a description of one of the different types of ants or their predators. It could be a Who am I or a poem.

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- Read Book.
- Stencil - Close passage

- Read book
- Stencil - Comprehension

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- Read book.
- Stencil - alphabetical order

- Read book
- Stencil - sentence sequencing

Extension Activities:

Evaluation:

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Cloze Passage:

Many _____ live together in a _____. Each nest has lots of small _____. In one room lives a large female _____, called the _____. Her job is to lay _____.

Use these words to fill in the passage:

nest	eggs	rooms
queen	ants	ant

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Cloze Passage:

Where **are** the ants rushing? To **their** nests... under the **ground**... within a log... on a **branch**... above the ground. Many ants **live** together in a **nest**. Each nest has **lots** of small rooms. In **one** room lives a large **female** ant, called the **queen**. Her **job** is to **lay** eggs. Each egg hatches into a **larva**. The larva does **not** look like an ant. The larva may **grow** into an ant-shaped **pupa**. Or the larva may make a **cocoon**. **Adults** help the **young** ant break out of the **cocoon**. A **few** of the ants are born with **wings**. They are large **queens** and the **smaller** males. But **most** of the ants are very small **females**, called **workers**. Some workers bring **food** to the **nest**.

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Cut and paste these words in alphabetical Order:

job

egg

ant

small

nest

log

food

but

head

Name: _____

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Write these words in alphabetical order:

eggs, larva, cocoon, queen

ground, log, branch, nest

worker, food, nurse, soldier

Edit these sentences:

where r the ant rushing

many cats liv together in a rest

the quen's job is it lay eggs

the soldier ant protect us nest

Name: _____

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Write these words in alphabetical order:

soldier, smaller, eggs, larva, lay, cocoon, queen

ground, grow, log, break, branch, nest, nurses

workers, woodpecker, winter, wings, within

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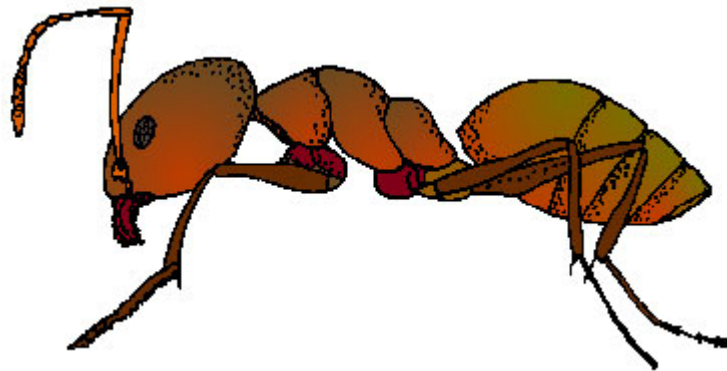
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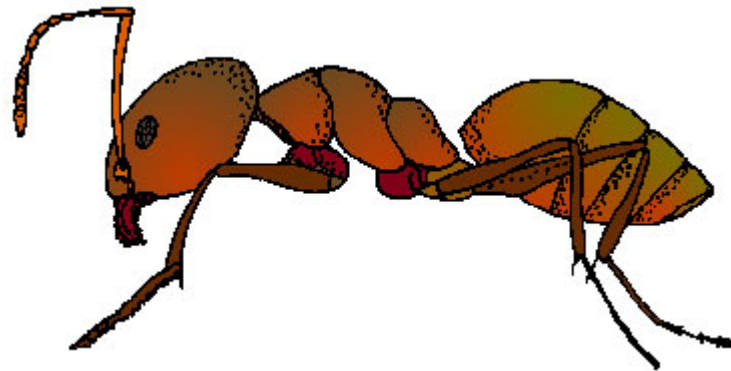
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Comprehension:

Where do ants live? _____

How many rooms has an ant's nest got? _____

What job does the queen ant have? _____

Who cares for the young ants and eggs? _____

What ants protect the ant's nest? _____

What animal likes to eat ants? _____

Use these words to fill in the answers:

nurses	In a nest	soldiers
Lots of rooms	anteater	To lay eggs

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Comprehension:

Where do ants live? _____

Can ants live on a branch? _____

Can ants live in the water? _____

What is the name given to a large female ant? _____

How many main body parts has the ant got? _____

How many legs does an ant have? _____

Which ants bring food to the nest? _____

Which ants care for the eggs and the young ants? _____

Name an animal that likes to eat ants. _____

Use these words to fill in the answers:

queen	nurses	yes
six	Under the ground	
no	Worker ants	three

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Comprehension:

Where do ants live? _____

What does an ants nest have inside it? _____

Where does the queen ant live? _____

What is the job of the queen ant? _____

How does a young ant get out of its cocoon? _____

Name the three main body parts of an ant. _____

What is the function of the ant's abdomen? _____

Which ants are born with wings? _____

What do worker ants do?

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Where do ants live? *In nests under the ground, in logs, on branches and above the ground.*

What does an ants nest have inside it? *Lots of rooms*

Where does the queen ant live? *In one room*

What is the job of the queen ant? *To lay eggs*

How does a young ant get out of its cocoon? *Adult ants help it get out.*

Name the three main body parts of an ant. *Head, thorax and abdomen.*

What is the function of the ant's abdomen? *To digest food.*

Which ants are born with wings? *Large queen ants and smaller males are born with wings.*

What do worker ants do? *Bring food to the nest, nurse the young, care for the eggs and protect the nest.*

Name some animals that likes to eat ants. *Ant eaters, woodpeckers, doodlebugs and echidnas.*

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Sentence Sequencing:

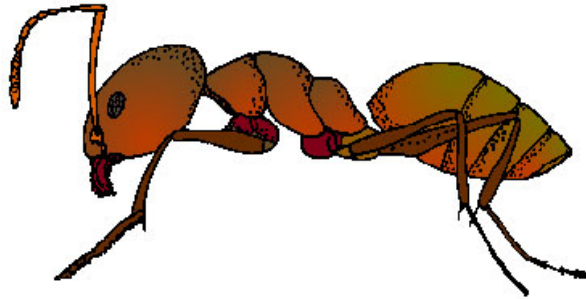
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Each egg hatches into a larva.

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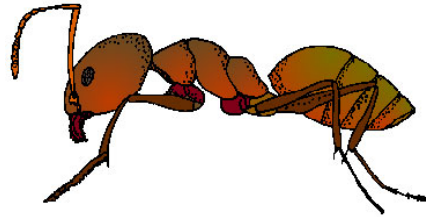
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- The larva may grow into an ant-shaped pupa. Or the larva may make a cocoon.
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